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STATE DEPARTMENT STRONGLY CRITICIZED FOR STAND ON GERMAN SCIENTISTS

WASHINGTON, April 16. (JTA) -- The Washington Post, a newspaper which generally supports the State Department's thinking on the Arab-Israel issue, published a leading editorial differing sharply with the views of Under Secretary of State W. Averell Harriman, who sought to justify the continued work in Egypt of German missile scientists in his reply to six Senators who expressed anxiety over the work.

The Post said editorially that Mr. Harriman had said, in effect: "That alarm over German scientists in the United Arab Republic was exaggerated--after all, if the Germans were not there, Egypt would be more dependent on the Soviet Union for developing missiles and jet aircraft." The Post commented that "this comes close to arguing that we should be grateful for the Soviet forces in Cuba because, otherwise, there might be a Chinese army in the Caribbean."

"What is missing in Mr. Harriman's note--and indeed in most of the lofty State Department utterances on the Middle East--is any real feeling for the plight of Israel. Here is a tiny country wholly surrounded by nations that have sworn its elimination. The U.A.R., now flushed with political success in Iraq and Syria, is on the verge of developing ground-to-ground missiles that could rain terror on Israel. It is of small comfort to Israel that these may be good, non-Communist missiles developed with the help of Germans so thoroughly anti-Russian that some of them worked for Hitler," the Post declared.

The newspaper said the State Department had responded "inadequately" to American anxiety about missiles in the Near East. "The air surely ought to be cleared, and quickly, by a reassertion of American interest in the continued security of Israel," it stressed. It charged that "the United States has leaned over backwards to encourage cordial relations with President Nasser and all other Arab states." Also that "Washington has crawled out on a limb to demonstrate good faith toward Arab nationalism."

Accused of Moulding 'Lifeless Platinudes' About Israel's Security

According to the Post, "ground-to-ground missiles would place Israel at a perilous disadvantage, even if conventional bombs were lodged in their nose." If Nasser develops an operational offensive missile, then there will be no alternative but to see that Israel has adequate deterrent capacity too, the paper pointed out.

The State Department was accused of moulding "lifeless platitudes" about Israel's security. The immediate task of American diplomacy was seen as exploration of means to curtail arms shipments to the Near East on a multilateral basis. This, said the editorial, could even include informal approaches to the Soviet Union.

"The world would breathe easier if both offensive missiles and nuclear devices were ruled out of the region under an agreement that provided effective inspection. This should be the goal of American policy," said the editorial. The newspaper held that "it ought to be made clear that, if all attempts at regional arms control fail, Israel will get the help it needs and not just snappish lectures about 'worrisome complicated problems.'"

(The New York Post, in an editorial today, said: "There is a tendency in some Administration quarters to dismiss questions about the German scientists working on rockets for Egypt with the warning that, if the Germans are pushed out, Soviet experts would move in. His reply will hardly comfort Israel or reassure anyone concerned about peace and stability in the Middle East. What is missing is any indication that the U.S. has approached the Soviet Union in an effort to find out whether it might be prepared to join in an agreement to keep the Middle East free of weapons of mass destruction. Such a probe, backed by the warning that Israel will get the weapons it needs if Russia and Egypt spurn an arms control pact, could conceivably bring results.")

German Scientists in Egypt Willing to Testify About Their Work

LONDON, April 16. (JTA) -- German scientists working in Egypt on that country's program for development of nonconventional weapons intended for use against Israel have written to West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, requesting an opportunity to explain their work in person before the West German Parliament, according to a Cairo dispatch received here today.

The letters had been sent reportedly by 93 German scientists, including at least three whose names had figured in the recent revelations about Egypt's weaponry program, being

carried on with the help of German scientists. Among the letter-writers reported were Dr. Jens Goerke, whose daughter Heidi had caused the recent arrest at Basle, Switzerland, of an Israeli, Joseph Ben-Gal, and an Austrian, Dr. Otto Jukelik. She had charged them with "threatening" her unless she persuaded her father to quit the work in Egypt.

Other reported signers were Dr. Hans Kleinwachter, who escaped an attempt at his assassination recently in Germany, near the Austrian border; and Dr. Wolfgang Pilz. The latter's secretary was blinded at Cairo recently when she opened a package mailed to her employer from Hamburg. The package had contained an explosive device.

All of the 93 who sent letters to Dr. Adenauer requested a parliamentary probe into their activities and volunteered to come to Bonn to testify if they were guaranteed German government protection.

W.J.C. Presents Suggestions on German Scientists Working in Egypt

PARIS, April 16. (JTA) -- World Jewry "is deeply shocked" by the presence of West German scientists in Egypt, working on non-conventional weapons "aimed at Israel's ultimate destruction," an official of the French Section of the World Jewish Congress today told Karl Knoke, the West German Minister in Paris.

Armand Kaplan, secretary general of the French Section, met with the West German diplomat to convey the "apprehensions" of the World Jewish Congress to the West German Government. The WJC official asked the diplomat to convey to the West German Government a series of proposals to deal with the problem.

One of the proposals was to stigmatize publicly all West Germans "who aid in production of arms aimed at Israel's destruction." Another was to recall all West German nationals engaged in such actions. Others were to take "appropriate legal measures" against nationals rejecting appeals to return home and to prevent all firms with which the nationals were in contact to get any assistance from the Government.

CHIEF RABBI OF ISRAEL ENDORSES POPE'S CALL FOR BAN ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS

JERUSALEM, April 16. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim endorsed today the call of Pope John XXIII, in his encyclical last week, for a ban on nuclear weapons and the gradual reduction of the nuclear arms stockpiles toward general disarmament.

The Chief Rabbi said that those goals were worthy of the active and sympathetic support of the Jewish people. The Chief Rabbi cited the Pope's statement that the time had come for the heads of religions and the world's spiritual leaders to assume the initiative in curbing the drive for nuclear weapons dominance to secure humanity from disaster.

MOROCCAN OFFICIAL DISMISSED FOR ADVOCATING ARAB-ISRAEL AMITY

LONDON, April 16. (JTA) -- The Moroccan Government dismissed an official who advocated Arab-Israeli friendship and proposed that Morocco protest to Egypt against its "warlike experiments" by "a few Nazi scientists," it was reported here today from Morocco. The official is Abdeselem Hajji, head of the secretariat for the Secretary of State for Information, Youth and Sports.

In Sunday's issue of the newspaper Morocco Information, Mr. Hajji had an article discussing the encyclical calling for world peace issued last weekend by Pope John XXIII. Declaring that "Morocco should give an example" of peaceful intention, he proposed "friendship" between Israel and the Arab states.

Mr. Hajji also suggested a Moroccan protest against Egypt's use of German scientists for the development of non-conventional weapons. "Let those who agree with me," he stated, "speak up. This is the moment for courage." The Government's reply came indirectly -- in the form of an announcement that Mr. Hajji had been fired.

CCNGO DROPS MILITARY TRAINING PLAN; ARABS OBJECTED TO ISRAEL'S ROLE

LONDON, April 16. (JTA) -- Under pressure from the Arab states, Congo Premier Cyrille Adoula has dropped his plan to have his national defense forces reorganized and retrained by several NATO powers and by Israel, according to information reaching here today from the Congo capital, Leopoldville.

Mr. Adoula had planned to use Israeli training for paratroops. Other countries involved in his plan were Belgium, Norway, Italy and Canada, while the United States was to supply equipment for the program. While the Arabs objected to Israel's role, neutralists and Africans objected to Belgium, and the Soviet Union objected to having NATO nations play a leading part in the program.

BEN-GURION AND GOLDMANN CONFER; DISCUSS EDUCATION FUND PLAN

JERUSALEM, April 16. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Dr. Nahum Goldmann conferred for two hours yesterday at the Prime Minister's holiday retreat.

One of the topics discussed was use for Israel educational projects of part of a \$13, - 000,000 education fund planned to be set up by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. It was believed the two Jewish leaders also reviewed the status of Israeli-West German relations.

RAJAKOVIC'S FORMER SUPERIOR OFFICER ADMITS DEPORTATION OF JEWS

MUNICH, April 16. (JTA) -- The one-time head of the Nazi Security Service in Holland admitted today his responsibility for the deportation of some 100,000 Jews from Holland, and said that Erich Rajakovic was one of his aides. Rajakovic, who is now in hiding somewhere in West Germany, has denied Dutch charges that he had a key role in the deportations.

Dr. A. Harster, who has been since 1957 a high civil servant in the Bavarian Interior Ministry, made the admission and the implication of Rajakovic in an interview with the Berlin "Morgenpost." He said he had been tried in Holland and had served a sentence. He added that Bavarian officials had full knowledge of his political past.

The former Nazi Security Service officer also said that, because of the publicity attendant on the discovery of Rajakovic in Italy and his expulsion from Switzerland last week, he had decided to apply for a retirement pension.

Dr. Harster was in charge of a department of the Nazi Reich Security office from June 1940, to September 1943. His version was that he "supervised" the transfer of the Dutch Jews to a Nazi camp in Holland. He contended, however, that he had not taken part in any further deportations. Dutch officials have accused Rajakovic of a key role in the transport of the Dutch Jews to their deaths in Nazi murder camps in Poland.

Holland to Seek Extradition of Rajakovic from Austria or Germany

VIENNA, April 16. (JTA) -- The Government of The Netherlands has notified Austria-- as well as West Germany--that it intends to request the extradition of Erich Rajakovic, wartime aide to the late Adolf Eichmann, who is accused of having transported more than 100,000 Jews from Holland to the Nazi murder camps. Announcement of that intention was made here by a spokesman for the Dutch Ministry of Justice.

Meanwhile, there was uncertainty here today as to the whereabouts of Rajakovic. Last week, he was expelled from Switzerland when he came there from Italy where he had been engaged in an affluent export-import business. He had presumably gone to Bavaria and, later, an attorney for the ex-Nazi said he would come to this country. He is a former Austrian national whose Austrian citizenship had been canceled here. The Austrian Ministry of Justice had said it wants to interrogate the man about his wartime activities.

BRITISH PARTY CONGRESS HEARS COMPLAINT ABOUT ANTI-JEWISH BIAS

LONDON, April 16. (JTA) -- A resolution calling for British legislation prohibiting incitement to racial hatred was adopted today by the annual Cooperative Party Congress, held at Scarborough. Previously, the meeting heard charges from a Jewish delegate, Samuel Karson, who said that anti-Semitic discriminations were being practiced in the British Labor Party, the trade union movement and the cooperative movement.

Mr. Karson said that some golf clubs in Scotland refused to admit Jews. He alleged that one Scottish land-owner had sold land only on condition that it must not be resold to Jews. Other delegates shouted, "Shame, shame." Mr. Karson demanded: "I want to make these things impossible" in Britain.

EXTENSION OF AUSTRIAN DEADLINE FOR CLAIMS IS NOT INTENDED FOR JEWS

LONDON, April 16. (JTA) -- The extension of the deadline for the registration of claims by victims of the Nazi era in Austria, to March 31, 1964, does not apply to Jewish Nazi victims from Austria, Dr. F.L. Brassloff, of the United Restitution Organization, said today.

Dr. Brassloff said the indemnification claims of such Jews were covered by other legal measures. He said the extension was provided under an amendment to a law regulating the registration of damages caused by resettlement or expulsion. He explained it applied to "Volksdeutsche" and expellees.

SOVIET JEWISH COMPOSER WINS PRAISE IN MOSCOW; USES JEWISH POETRY

NEW YORK, April 16. (JTA) -- A roster of distinguished Soviet artists last night performed chamber music by a Russian-Jewish composer, Moisei Vainberg, and the concert included readings of verse by Jewish poets, according to a Moscow dispatch to the New York Herald Tribune today. The concert was held at the Moscow Conservatory, and was hailed by Tass, the Soviet news agency, as "a great success."

Vainberg, who is 43, has been praised by leading Soviet musicologists and composers as a musical writer whose work "has grown increasingly" in the last few years, according to Tass. The performance of his music to the words of Jewish poems was considered as unusual.

VLADIMIR ASHKENAZI, FAMOUS SOVIET JEWISH PIANIST, GIVEN ASYLUM IN BRITAIN

LONDON, April 16. (JTA) -- Vladimir Ashkenazi, famous Soviet-Jewish pianist and one of the outstanding artists of the USSR, today requested and was granted asylum in Britain. Mr. Ashkenazi was here for a series of recitals when he decided not to return to the Soviet Union. He asked for refuge which was immediately given to him.

CANADIAN POLICE INVESTIGATE USE OF MAIL FOR ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

TCRONT0, April 16. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic pamphlets and leaflets have been offered by mail to Canadians as "free sample collectors' items" furnishing "an interesting and unusual hobby," the Royal Canadian Mounted Police reported here today. The police said they were investigating the matter.

One of the leaflets promised to execute all Jews who have taken part in "Marxist or union plots." Another alleged that the late Adolf Eichmann had been "tortured" into confessing the murder of millions of Jews.

JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY TO HOLD 75TH ANNUAL MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, April 16. (JTA) -- The Jewish Publication Society of America announced today it would hold its 75th annual membership meeting on Sunday, April 28, in the Warwick hotel here. The announcement was made by Sol Satinsky, president. The program will feature an address by Dr. Arthur Hertzberg, rabbi and author, on the late Dr. Cyrus Adler in observance of the centennial of Dr. Adler's birth and in recognition of the valuable leadership which he gave during his lifetime to the JPS and other cultural and religious institutions.

(The National Federation of Jewish Men's Club, the national association of men's groups of Conservative Jewish Congregations, announced today that it would honor the Jewish Publication Society at its forthcoming annual convention for the JPS sponsorship of the first translation of the Old Testament to be translated directly into modern English from the traditional Hebrew text. A citation will be presented to the JPS at a special session of the convention which will open on April 28 in Kiamesha Lake.)

Established in Philadelphia in 1888 for the sole purpose of publishing and disseminating good books of Jewish interest in order to help preserve and strengthen the Jewish heritage, the JPS has published more than 400 books for laymen and scholars, with distribution in excess of 5,000,000 copies. These books may be found all over the world wherever English is read, and many of the early titles remain in print and are in constant use. Outstanding among these titles are the History of the Jews by Dr. Graetz (1891), Legends of the Jews by Dr. Ginzberg (1909), The American Jewish Year Books, an annual series which began in 1898, and The Holy Scriptures according to the Masoretic Text, which was published in 1917 and represented the first translation of the Bible into the English language under Jewish communal auspices.

One of the most ambitious and significant projects undertaken by the JPS was launched in 1955 when it appointed a group of outstanding scholars to serve as a Bible Translation Committee for the purpose of preparing a new translation in modern English which would take into cognizance the linguistic and archaeological advances made in recent years. The first result of the Committee's work was available several months ago when the JPS published The Torah: The Five Books of Moses as the first of three volumes. It plans to publish The Prophets and The Writings during the coming decade, so that the present and future generations of American Jews may have a completely new translation which will transmit the meaning and intent of the original Hebrew in clear and modern English.

SIX U.S. THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES TO GIVE CREDITS FOR STUDIES IN NEGEV

BERKELEY, Calif., April 16. (JTA) -- Six outstanding theological seminaries in the United States will give college credits this year to students who participate in a seven-week, "on site" program of studies and field work in Israel's Negev, it was announced here today by the Negev Biblical Excavations, Inc.

The students will live and study at the Israel Agricultural School near Beersheba, and will do field work on important excavations being carried on at Tel Nagila, in the Negev, according to the announcement. The seminaries to give college credits for the course were listed as the San Francisco Theological Seminary, Westminster Theological Seminary, Seabury-Western, Candler School of Theology at Emory University, and the theological seminaries of Princeton and Columbia universities.

B'NAI B'RITH ACQUIRES RED CROSS BUILDINGS FOR ITS N.Y. AREA OFFICES

NEW YORK, April 16. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith announced today the purchase of a complex of three brick buildings in midtown Manhattan to consolidate in a single regional headquarters the New York area activities of its national programs.

The property, purchased from the American National Red Cross for \$1,625,000, will also house the national staff and metropolitan New York office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and serve as headquarters for B'nai B'rith District One, which administers the organization's local units in New York, New England and eastern Canada.

The site, covering about 8,160 square feet, includes a 12-story structure flanked by two adjoining buildings, each of five stories. They were formerly Manhattan headquarters for the Red Cross. International headquarters for the B'nai B'rith is its \$1,600,000 building in Washington constructed in 1957.